

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 11-35 and 38-47 remain in this application.

Claims 10,36 and 37 have been canceled.

Claims 42-47 have been added.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 14,18,24,31,33-35 and 38-41 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 now includes limitations from claim 14.

New Claim 42 includes the limitations of claim 18 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form.

New claim 43 includes the limitations of claim 24 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form.

New claim 44 includes the limitations of claim 31 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form.

New claim 45 includes the limitations of claim 33 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form.

New claim 46 includes the limitations of claim 34 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form.

New claim 47 depends from claim 46 and should be in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claim 7 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the terms used therein.

Claim 25 has been amended to correct the spelling error.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claim 1-3, 11, 16-17 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,892,497 in view of Greene (6,796,087) and Skov (6,701,678).

The instant application (10/674,103) and U.S. Patent No. (6,892,497) are commonly owned by Suncast Corporation. However, all of the independent claims include limitations from allowable claims not listed above. Claim 1 includes limitations from claim 14. New Claim 42 includes the limitations of claim 18 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form. New claim 43 includes the limitations of claim 24 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form. New claim 44 includes the limitations of claim 31 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form. New claim 45 includes the limitations of claim 33 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form. New claim 46 includes the limitations of claim 34 as well as all of the intervening claims rewritten into independent form. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection now be withdrawn.

In response to the Office Action of April 19, 2007, Applicant requests re-examination and reconsideration of this application for patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132.

Rejection under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 1, as amended, includes limitations from claim 14 as well as the intervening claims. Therefore, this claim should be in condition for allowance. Therefore, this claim should be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-9 and 11-35 depend from amended claim 1 and should also be in condition for allowance.

Neither Greene nor Skov disclose a pair of side wall assemblies for enclosing the left side and right side of said heavy duty enclosure, each of said side wall assemblies including at least one side wall panel member, wherein said at least one wall panel member includes a first longitudinal end having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with a floor assembly or a roof assembly, a second longitudinal end having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with a floor assembly or a roof assembly, a first horizontal edge having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with a side wall panel member or a corner pillar member in an interlocking co-planar relationship and a second horizontal edge having an attachment means constructed and arranged to cooperate with a side wall panel

member or a corner pillar member in an interlocking co-planar relationship, said first horizontal edge attachment means including at least one slot constructed and arranged for attachment of at least one T-connector, said at least one T-connector having a first end portion and a second end portion, **wherein said first end portion of said at least one T-connector is inserted into said first or said second horizontal edge and secured in place by rotation of said T-connector within said slot, wherein said second end portion of said at least one T-connector extends outwardly from said first horizontal edge for interlocking cooperation with an adjacent side wall panel or corner pillar resulting in a mechanically secure connection between said panels.**

Greene discloses a t-shaped connector. However, the Greene connector requires a retaining ring 30 that cooperates with tabs 38 to secure the connector to the floor panel. This construction adds considerable difficulty to shed assembly. The wall panels must be inserted into the floor and thereafter the shed must be lifted or turned over to engage the retaining rings for securing the walls to the floor. Lifting and/or turning the components when they are NOT secured together would be a difficult task at best. Because the connectors are blow molded as part of the panels rotation of the connectors is impossible without rotation of the entire panel and because there are multiple connectors on each panel rotation of

individual connectors is impossible.

The Skov connector includes a plate 138 with two shaped outwardly extending ribs 128 and 140 (Fig 21). The plate is moved longitudinally along the surface of the wall to engage the ribs to recesses formed in the walls.


Thus, because it is well settled that a showing of obviousness requires a motivation or suggestion to combine or modify prior art reference, coupled with a reasonable expectation of success, See *Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. V. Philip Morris Inc.*, 229 F.3d 1120, 1124-25, 56 USPQ2d 1456, 1459 (Fed. Cir 2000) and neither Greene nor Skov disclose a connector that rotates for connection to a wall panel, the Applicant believes that the claims of the instant application should be in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

In light of the foregoing remarks, amendments to the specification and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will now find the claims of the application allowable. Favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously requested. Should there be any remaining issues which can be resolved via an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayments in any fees paid on the filing to Deposit Account No. 13-0439.

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